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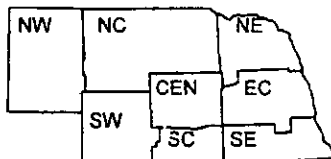
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### WEATHER

Temperatures in the east averaged one degree below normals while the western portion averaged around three degrees above normals. Precipitation across the State averaged from a trace to a little over a half inch in the southeast.

### GENERAL

Soybean harvest was in full swing last week, with nearly two-thirds of the crop cut by week's end, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn and sorghum harvest continued to be limited due to high grain moisture levels. Wheat seeding and dry bean harvest were nearing completion. Other fieldwork activities included harvesting millet, sugar beets and potatoes, and moving cattle onto available stalk fields.

### CROPS

The all corn condition rated 1% very poor, 2% poor, 8% fair, 50% good, and 39% excellent. Irrigated corn and dryland corn rated 89% good or excellent. Dry weather last week continued to aid crop dry down, although most corn remained too wet for harvest. Fields reaching maturity were at 97%, compared to 99% last year and 96% average. Corn grain harvest was 13% complete, compared to 14% last year and 30% average.

### CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean condition moved higher and rated 2% poor, 7% fair, 44% good, and 47% excellent. Statewide, 99% of the acreage was dropping leaves by week's end, compared to 100% last year and average. Soybean harvest made excellent progress last week with 64% combined, ahead of last year's 43%, but slightly behind the average of 68%.

Sorghum condition rated 1% very poor, 1% poor, 14% fair, 54% good, and 30% excellent. Fields reaching maturity were at 84%, compared with 97% last year and 90% average. Grain harvest was 8% complete, compared with 28% last year and 34% average.

Dry beans harvest was nearing completion with 98% harvested as of Sunday. This compares with 90% last year.

Winter wheat seeding progressed to 98% statewide, compared with 97% last year and 99% average. Emergence of the crop was 73%, compared to 83% last year and 87% average. Moisture supplies in most of the Panhandle and southwest have been adequate for establishment of the young crop.

### LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition rated 2% poor, 17% fair, 61% good and 20% excellent. Cattle continued to do well on pastures, with a few being moved to stalks. Producers were weaning and working calves.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 13, 1996	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Mature	95	98	96	96	96	94	98	99	97	91	99	96
% Corn Harvested	10	11	12	9	16	9	12	22	13	7	14	30
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	n/a	95	100	99	98	99	100	100	99	94	100	100
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	52	63	65	69	86	83	56	64	22	43	68
% Sorghum Mature	n/a	95	97	90	93	81	74	85	84	75	97	90
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	15	25	7	15	5	9	5	8	2	28	34
% Dry Beans Harvested	96	99	100	90	n/a	97	n/a	n/a	98	90	90	n/a
% Wheat Sown	98	97	99	98	95	99	99	95	98	88	97	99
% Wheat Emerged	92	71	65	60	71	52	76	65	73	49	83	87
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 11, 1996												
Days suitable	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	5.8	6.6	4.9	6.5	6.6	6.2	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	
(Percent) - Short	16	8	18	32	45	0	4	0	16	4	23	
- Adequate	81	71	81	67	54	91	93	99	79	93	71	
- Surplus	3	0	1	1	1	9	3	1	2	3	4	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
(Percent) - Short	9	0	4	12	19	0	4	10	8	5	31	
- Adequate	91	100	93	88	81	72	94	79	88	92	66	
- Surplus	0	0	3	0	0	28	2	11	4	3	1	

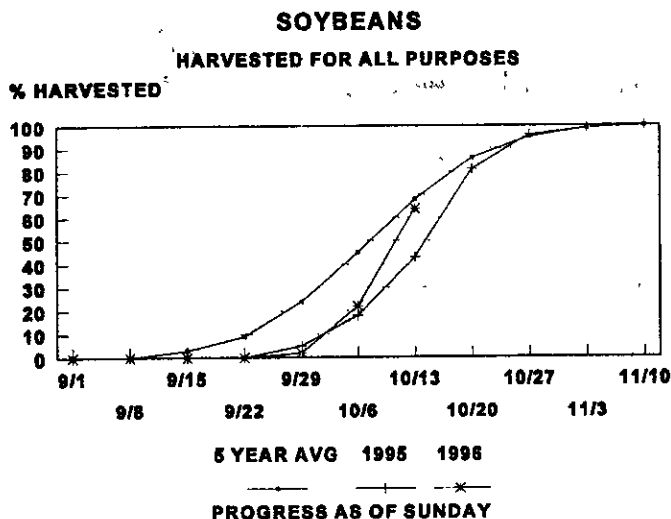
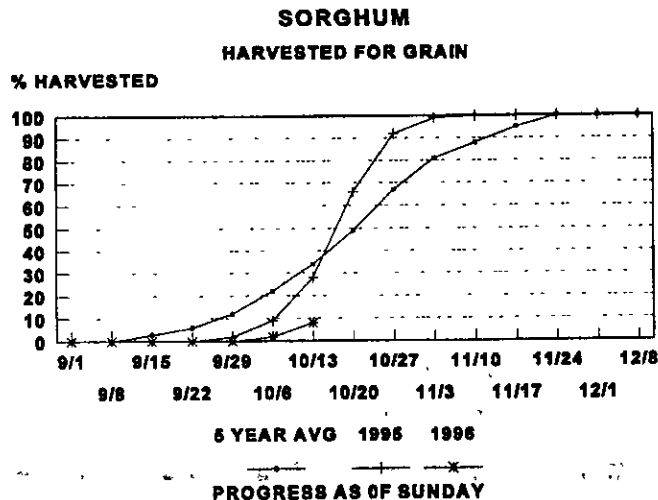
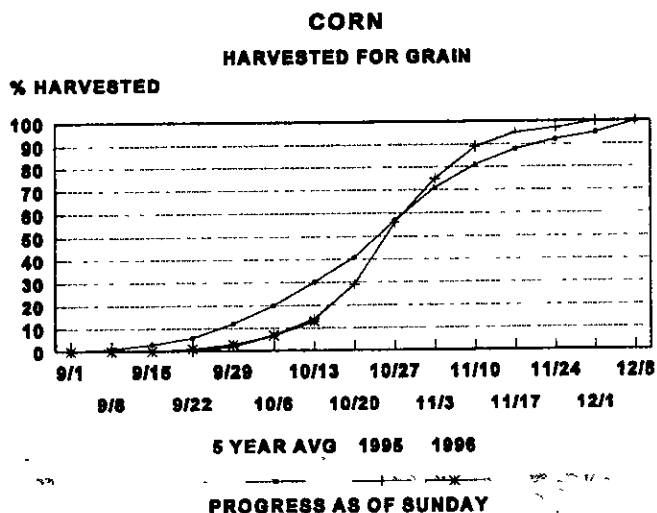
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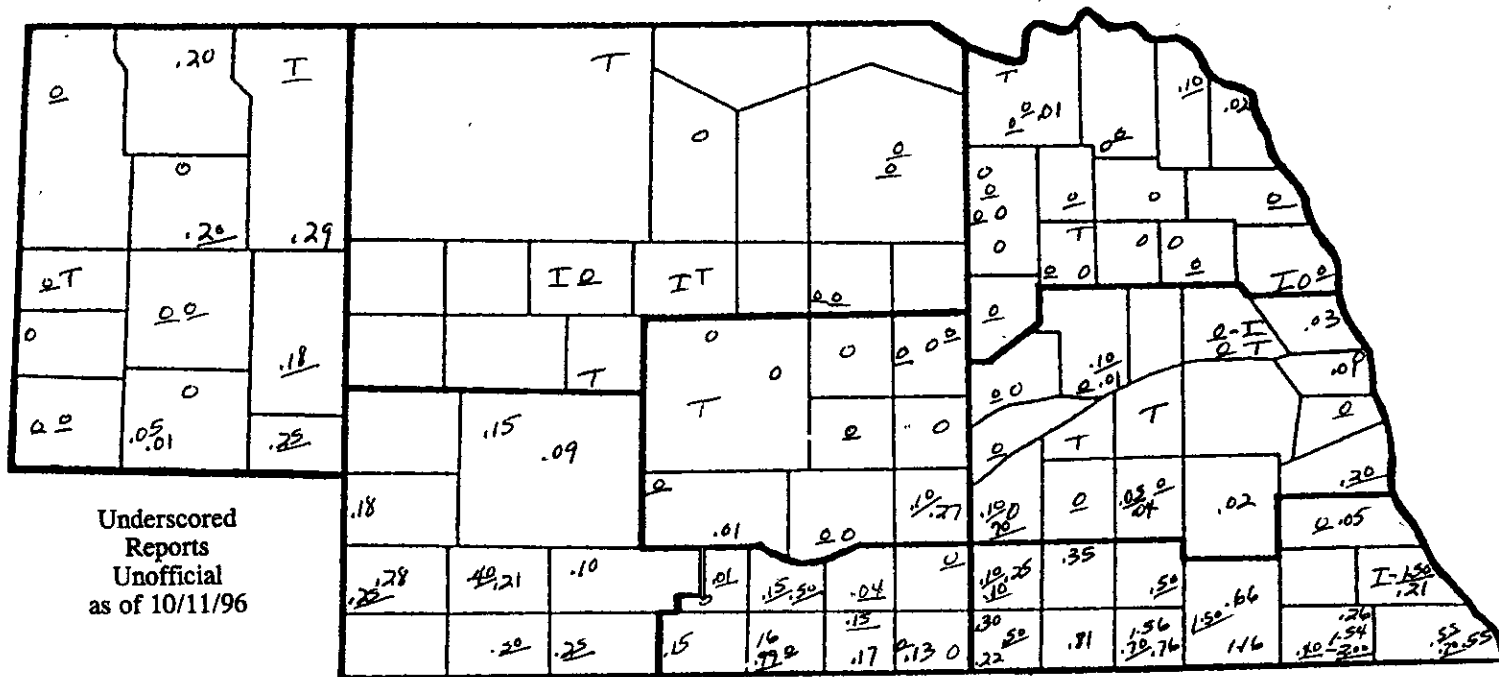
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**PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1996**



**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1996**

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	86	34	57	---	.20
	Scottsbluff	90	36	57	+4	T
	Sidney	90	34	59	---	.01
NC	Valentine	87	26	55	+3	T
NE	Norfolk	80	29	54	-1	T
	Sioux City	77	29	53	-2	.02
CEN	Grand Island	85	30	56	0	.27
	Ord	86	28	54	---	0
EC	Lincoln	80	32	56	0	.02
	Omaha	78	33	55	-1	.01
SW	Imperial	90	37	58	---	.28
	North Platte	87	30	55	+2	.09